

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING APRIL 23, 2002

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION – Invocation was given Pamela Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan. Also present were representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of March 26, meeting
2. Accept and place on file the Keno audit
3. Accept and place on file the office reports from the County Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Register of Deeds, County Attorney Statistical Report, Emergency Management and Veterans Service.
4. Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
5. Accept and place on file communications as received.

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY CLERK
MARCH 2002

TITLE FEES STATE	\$16,739.50
TITLE FEES COUNTY	\$ 8,505.50
RECORDING FEES	\$ 98.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 645.00
PHOTO FEES/FAX FEES & MISC.	\$ 131.50
PLAT BOOKS	90.00
ADVERTISING FEES LIQUOR LICENSE	
TOTAL	\$26209.20

OFFICE REPORT
REGISTER OF DEEDS
MARCH 2002

DOCUMENTARY STAMP FEES	\$ 5,578.17
RECORDING FEES	19,477.30
PHOTO FEES	

OFFICE REPORT
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
MARCH 2002

FEES & INTEREST ON ACT #2-200-4	\$5,212.99
INTEREST EARNED ON ACT #114-0090191	1.31
INTEREST EARNED ON ACT #7-396-2	

8. DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION – Arnold stated that the County received a juvenile justice block grant. He is requesting that the board authorize the chair to sign the application. Troy Chandler Juvenile Service Director stated that this is the fourth year that they will receive the grant. This is a joint grant with the city and the only cost to the county are the matching funds of \$3,500.00. Monica Mills from the Crime Commission did an audit and interview and everything was satisfactory. Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to authorize the chair to sign the grant application. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Logan and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

4 APPROVE PROCLAMATION FOR TOURISM WEEK MAY 6TH TO MAY 10TH. Trish Beem, Assistant Director with the Convention Visitors Bureau was present. She stated that Renee Seifert could not be present because she is working on the caboose relocation. She highlighted the various activities that will be taking place in May. She also reported that they now have their own visitors center in downtown Grand Island. She stated that the CVB was offered a new location for the caboose. It was located at the entrance of Morman Island, but Bosselman's offered a new location across Highway #281. It would be the cornerstone of the entryway into the new travel center. The new location would offer better visibility. Last year they served 5000 visitors and they hope to see the numbers increase with the new location. Ms. Beem stated that CVB appreciated the keno funds that helped staff the caboose to be open more hours. She stated that Crane Meadows is underway with expanding their new nature center and she congratulated Fonner Park on their success and for moving forward with the Heartland Events Center. She presented the board members with a thank you. Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the Proclamation #02-0032 for Tourism week for May 6th to May 10th. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Logan and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 6-10, 2002 TO BE HALL COUNTY TOURISM WEEK

RESOLUTION #_____

WHEREAS, the tourism industry is extremely important to the State of Nebraska and to the county of Hall by contributing to local employment, economic prosperity, local pride and trade; and

WHEREAS, we all benefit from the effects of tourism; and

WHEREAS, tourism promotes intercultural understanding and appreciation of the geography, history and people of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, with a strong economy, personal incomes and leisure will increase more rapidly. Tourism, therefore, can be expected to play an even greater role in the lives of all Nebraskans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hall County Board of Supervisors that May 6-10 in the year 2002 to be

HALL COUNTY TOURISM WEEK

and we call upon the people of Hall County to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Passed and adopted this 23rd day of April, 2002.

Resolution moved by _____

Seconded by _____

Vote:

Supervisor Arnold:	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor Eriksen:	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor Hartman:	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor Humiston:	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor Jeffries:	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor Lancaster	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor Logan:	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2001.

Pamela Lancaster Chairman Hall County Board
Of Supervisors

Marla J. Conley, Hall County Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

5a AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN ENGINEERING AGREEMENTS ON TWO ASPHALT PROJECTS-Jeffries stated that these are the engineering agreements for the two asphalt projects that are in the five year plan. There is one mile on the east side of Doniphan and one mile on Engleman Road. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to authorize the chair to sign the agreements. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent. Motion Carried.

5b AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN AGREEMENT #47 FOR RAILROAD CROSSING PROJECTS- This is the railroad crossing project by Platte Valley Academy. This agreement will provide lights and crossing arms for this location. Hall County received payment for the railroad crossing that were closed or changed. The total cost was \$304,000.00. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to authorize the chair to sign the agreement. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent. Motion carried

6 DISCUSS AND ACCEPT BID AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL FROM BELTZER BUILDING- Jeffries stated that the building and grounds committee reviewed the bids and recommended to accept the low bid. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to accept the low bid from Environmental

Direct and authorize the chair sign the agreement. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent. Motion Carried.

7. TOM SCHMIDT TO DISCUSS SPPD DESIGNATION- Tom Schmidt was present and questioned the sale of the property where the house is located to Southern Public Power. He questioned if SPPD would pay taxes on the property like any other business. The board informed him that they may pay an in lieu of tax or the tax may be passed on to the tenants.

Gary Hedman stated that if the property is not for public purpose the leasee pays the taxes.

Mr. Schmidt stated that he had talked to Jan Pelland County Assessor concerning the value that was placed on property. He questioned who owns the property. County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that the Army owns the property until the sale is finalized. The assessor must place a value on the property each year and if the sale is completed then the owner would have the right to protest the value placed on the property. Mr. Schmidt questioned how the property could be sold twice. He stated he bid on the property at the auction. The County has to designate the sale and the sale price is negotiated with the Army. Mr. Schmidt stated he did receive a letter stating that the Army did not accept his bid and his deposit was returned. Even though he had a sales contract the land was not transferred because his bid was not accepted. Hartman stated that the county cannot do anything because the sale was not completed with the Army, his bid was rejected. The Reuse Committee designated the property to Southern Public Power. Mr. Eriksen stated that the property that the house was setting on was not subdivided out it was included in tract #27. He told Mr. Schmidt he will have to talk to the Army.

9 AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN GRANT APPLICATION FOR DRUG COURT- Drug court Coordinator Connie Hultine was present and requested to have the grant application signed. This grant is for "hot spot money" that is to be used to purchase computer equipment for a management information system. There is no cost to the County. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to authorize the chair to sign the grant application. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent. Motion Carried.

9b AUTHORIZE & APPROVE USE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR DRUG COURT COORDINATOR IN COUNTY COURT ROOM #3- Drug Court Coordinator Connie Hultine stated that there is a small office by court room #3 and they have discussed using this for her office. She is currently in a storage room at the sheriff's office and needs more space. She is requesting that the board approve this move. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve using the office space for the drug coordinators office. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent. Motion Carried.

10. GIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION DISCUSS AND APPROVE REMODELING PROJECT FOR GIS/REGISTER OF DEEDS- Jeffries stated that the building and grounds committee and the GIS committee discussed this remodeling project. The total cost would only be \$1,300.00 and the committee recommends to approve the project. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve the remodeling project for the

GIS Department. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent. Motion Carried.

11. DISCUSS REMODELING OF DISTRICT COURT ROOM #2- Eriksen stated that the long –range planning committee met and he has correspondence from Vic. Aftenberge that outlined what would need to be done to do the requested remodeling. Eriksen stated that at the current rates the architect fees would be 20% to 15% of the builders cost. This may be higher because it is a small project and the complexity of the heating and air conditioning and the plumbing. There are about 900 square feet and Eriksen stated he would like to place a maximum of \$6,500.00 for the architect fees for the remodeling costs would be around \$45,000.00 for the total project. Eriksen made a motion and Hartman seconded to authorize the chair to sign the architect agreement for the remodeling of court room #3. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent. Motion Carried.

12 DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION ENDORSING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR HALL COUNTY AND THE ENACTMENT OF A NEW STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM- Jeffries stated that a group has been formed in Nebraska to get people involved in the building of roads and they would like the county's endorsement. Included in the packets is a resolution addressing Webb Road and Airport Roads. Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the Resolution #02-0033 for the statewide comprehensive transportation program. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan Absent. Motion Carried.

23 DISCUSSION ON REGIONAL JAIL-Hartman stated that with the closings of the correctional center in Hastings he suggested that the county and maybe surrounding counties look at using the facility as a regional jail. They do not know what they are going to do with the facility and maybe they could discuss this with Adams County and other counties. This is a 180 bed facility and maybe it could be used for extra beds when the jail is full. If the facility was remodeled it would have to meet current jail standards. Hartman stated he would like to see the county at least look at the facility.

Eriksen- He stated the 180 beds would not be adequate but the county needs to look at it and maybe there would be other uses for the facility. It could possibly be used for a juvenile detention we need to be open minded.

Jeffries- The County needs to look at the facility and maybe a committee could talk to Adams County.

Arnold He expressed concern that the long range plan has been completed and we keep rewriting the plan.

Corrections Director Dave Arnold state that 20 years ago a regional facility was talked about. He stated that maybe it could be used for the overflow. Discussion was held and Lancaster suggested that the county talk to Adams County.

13 DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE BENJAMIN & ASSOCIATES TO COMPLETE SURVEY WORK AT CAAP- Eriksen stated that the county received a call from the Army Corp of Engineers requesting the plat drawing for the property that was designated to SPPD. The property line and the legal descriptions need to be established between the NPPD and SPPD property. The fees for this survey is reimbursed to the county when the property is sold. Eriksen made a motion and Hartman seconded to authorize Benjamin & Associates to complete the survey work at CAAP. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan Absent. Motion Carried.

16 COUNTY ASSESSOR SET DATES FOR FORMAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DATES AND FINAL HEARING- County Assessor Jan Pelland requested to set the dates for the formal hearings. The Informal hearings will start next week of June 10th and the following three weeks. There will be no informal hearings July 8th through the 12th. Discussion was held. They will meet July 15 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., July 16, 2:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and July 17, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00p.m. The final action will be taken July 23 at 9:00 a.m.

21 DISCUSS THE SITE OF THE CABOOSE AT MORMAN ISLAND-The CVB visitors booth was moved from the entrance of Mormon Island to the Bosselman Travel Center. The County owns this small piece of property and Chuck Kaufman and Daryl Johnson suggested leaving the concrete slab and use it for a small rest area. Planters and benches could be installed. There is a culvert there but a grate could be placed over it for safety. Lancaster suggested that a letter be sent addressing this so it would be in writing. Jeffries thanked Chuck Kaufman for stepping forward and doing this. Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to use this location for a small rest area. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent. Motion Carried.

15 SET BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS DATES IN JULY – Marla Conley County Clerk reported that because of the changes in the new payroll system it will be necessary to change two meeting dates in July in order to accommodate the bi-weekly payroll. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to set July 16th and July 30th as the regular board meeting dates in July. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent. Motion carried.

17 DISCUSS AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO CWA NEGOTIATIONS – Chairman Lancaster stated that the CWA request to begin negotiations and she would like to appoint Bud Jeffries to that negotiations team. Hartman made a motion and Eriksen seconded to appoint Bud Jeffries for the negotiations for the public works department. The county attorney can be contacted to set up the times. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried. The core negotiations committee also needs to meet.

18. TAKE ACTION ON EL NOA NOA LIQUOR LICENSE - The background check from the Hall County Sheriff has not been completed. Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to table action on this until the information from the Sheriff is received. Discussion was held. Arnold, Eriksen and Lancaster voted yes. Hartman, Humiston and Jeffries voted no, with Logan absent. Motion failed

20 EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONAL – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session for personal evaluation. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11:35 a.m. executive session

11:37 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to refer the evaluation to the personal committee to meet with the department head. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

22 COMMENCE AUDIT OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – The board members review the claims and Hartman made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the claims as audited and authorize the clerk to pay. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Stacey Ruzicka provided the board members with the progress report. She reminded them of the Crisis Center "Take Back the Night" vigil for this evening. She reminded the board members that there are several committee meetings after the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman – He reported that Mid Nebraska Individual Services awarded the bid for the addition to Lacy Building. The new workshop area should be completed by September 1.

Humiston – He attended the computer committee meeting and the corrections steering meeting.

Eriksen – He attended the GIS meeting and reported that the City Council will be voting on the health board agreement tonight.

Jeffries - He attended a building and grounds committee meeting and a conditional use committee meeting. The conditional use committee is discussing the hauling of the sludge from Conagra. He attended the Stuhr Museum meeting and they are searching for a new director.

Arnold – He attended the corrections steering committee meeting and the juvenile justice committee met. Public Defender Jerry Piccolo has requested an additional attorney to handle some of the juvenile cases. Right now he is turning down every fourth case. They have a large number of felony cases and these take a lot of time. He discussed having an attorney to handle some of the juvenile cases. They are looking at some of the information on the juvenile cases to see if having our own attorney would save money. They are also looking at building space for the public defender once the county attorney moves.

Lancaster – She attended the Senior Citizens meeting and they are working on a fund raising campaign. May 8th the CVB will hold the tourism luncheon. The Plum Street Station will be dedicated on May 1st. The drug court was reported on in the meeting.

NEW OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be May 14, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk